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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant for the above-identified application, which is now entering the U.S. National Stage pursuant to 35 U.S.C. Section 371, hereby submits legible copies of the following relevant arts along with the Form PTO-1449 which contains the information required by 37 CFR 1.98(b):

A. Japanese Utility Model Application Laid-Open (Kokai) No. 57-55468 published in Japan on April 2, 1982;

B. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open (Kokai) No. 2001-188759 published in Japan on July 10, 2001;

C. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open (Kokai) No. 2002-197062 published in Japan on July 12, 2002; and

D. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open (Kokai) No. 2002-358418 published in Japan on December 13, 2002.

The above-listed prior art are cited in the International Search Report issued by

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Japanese Patent Office to the above-identified International Application.


Though these prior art A-D cited in the Search Report are not in the English language, the Search Report (a copy thereof enclosed) is written in English and the degree of relevance is indicated therein by way of the markings of Y's along with the explanation of such markings. Accordingly, pursuant to MPEP Section 609, the requirement for a concise explanation of relevance pursuant to 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3) for each of these non-English language prior art is satisfied, and an English concise explanation thereof is omitted herein.

In view of the above, it is therefore respectfully requested that the Patent Office make a record of these relevant arts and consider them.

Accordingly, it is hereby respectfully requested that the Patent Office make a record of these relevant art and consider them during the examination.

Respectfully submitted,

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